

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒   
no ☐

Property Name: Worden House Inventory Number: CARR-1677  
Address: 4550 Francis Scott Key Highway City: Taneytown Zip Code: 21787  
County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: Taneytown  
Owner: Herbert and Karen Worden Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes  
Tax Parcel Number: 264 Tax Map Number: 10 Tax Account ID Number: 031775  
Project: Worden - Galt N. Agency: Federal Communications Commission  
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed in May 2003. There is presently no information on the property in the Maryland Historic Trust Library.

Tax information indicated the primary structure was constructed in 1900, although it appears to be much older. Based on visual observation, the property appears to date from the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

The main house is a relatively simple structure, with little ornamentation. The plan of this building is "L" shaped with the lower part of the "L" (i.e. the front or south façade) parallel to the road and the rear extending north perpendicular away from the road. The roof is gabled with a chimney at each gable end; three total. The north portion appears as if it was perhaps an addition to an original rectangular two-story structure. The materials used include painted brick exterior, horizontal wood siding, multi-pane wood double hung windows, and slate roofing. There is reportedly a basement, which generally follows the building footprint. The main house is built on a slight rise above a highway. There is a small cottage to the northeast of the main house, which is a rectangular, single-story, gable-roofed structure. The exterior is wood and the roofing is slate.

Northeast of the main house is a massive bank barn that rises a full three stories above a foundation level that is framed in stone

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

MHT Comments

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Reviewer, NR Program

7/8/03  
Date

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and concrete masonry units. The superstructure of the barn is of timber framing, with horizontal wood siding and a standing seam metal roof. The barn has not been well-maintained; the wood exterior is dark and weathered. The base of the barn is partially constructed of stone and partially of concrete masonry units. This lower floor contains the only glass windows in the structure. The fenestration in the upper floors is a regular pattern of vertically-disposed rectangular openings, many of which are just that--holes in the wall. There are examples on the second floor level particularly, of paired wooden shutters with horizontal louvers and semicircular rounded tops. One expects that these shutters once filled all of the "window" openings in the barn walls. Along the side of this structure, opposite of the highway is a concrete silo approximately fifty to sixty feet tall. The silo is currently surrounded by junk and debris.

North and northwest of the large barn are small barn, garage, or storage structures of various sizes. Most are wood framed, wood finished structures with metal roofing. One garage/storage building is constructed of concrete block. The largest of these secondary barn structures has one side retrofitted with sliding metal doors and metal siding.

The general setting of the property is rural and agricultural. Neighboring properties are relatively sparse in density. The topography is slightly to moderately articulated with relatively low slopes. A lawn surrounds the main house. There are individual trees or small stands of trees scattered around the property and around the structures. There is one single unpaved road accessing the property from state highway 194. This road is also access to another private residence.

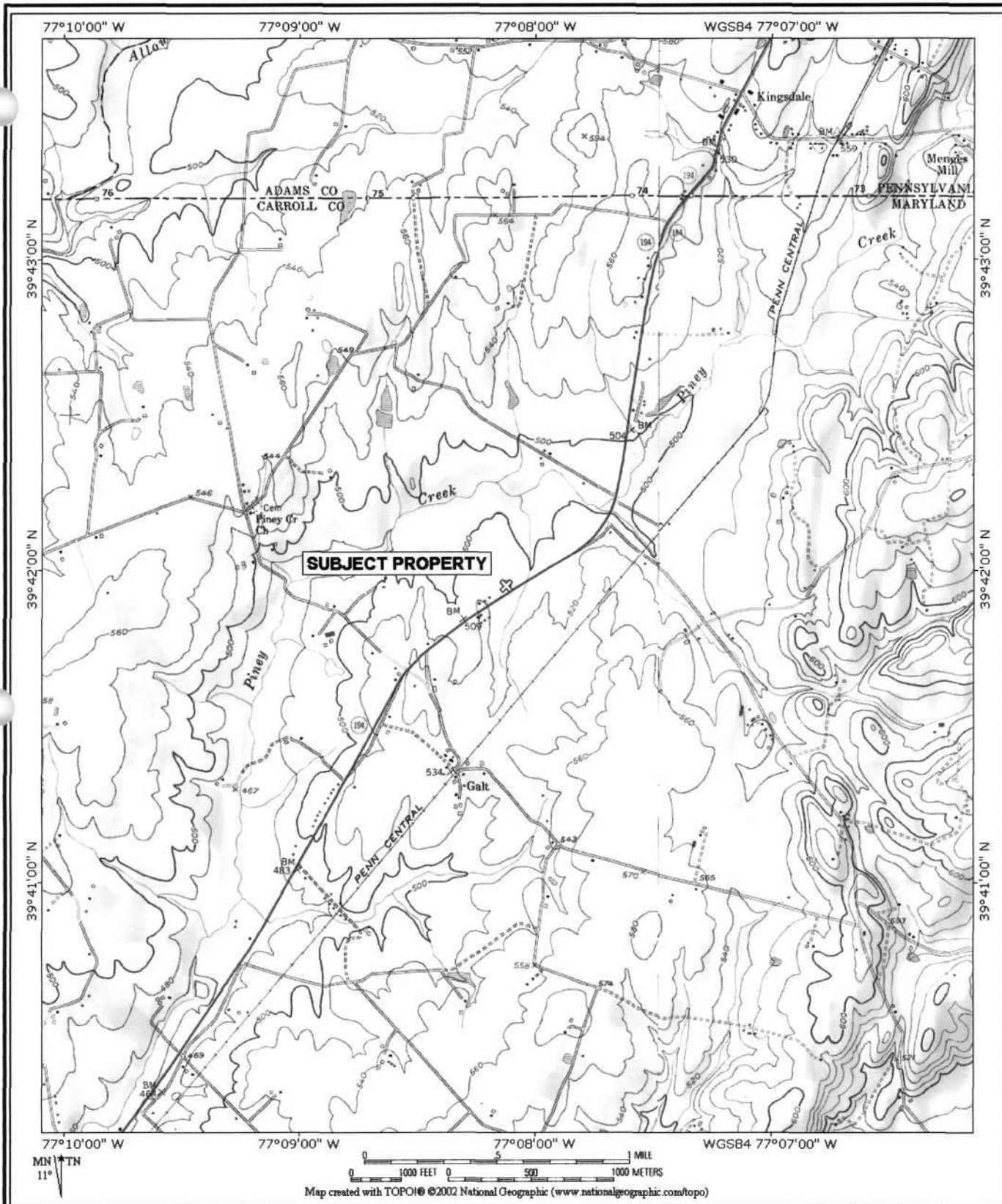
The Taneytown Historic District, which is near the property, notes as part of its character that present day Route 194 was an important 18th century transportation route, known as the Monocacy Road, a major migration route for the Pennsylvania Germans.

The Worden property is not listed in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places, although it deserves to be. Despite its run-down condition, the integrity of the farmstead remains evident; it deserves to be preserved, and it is considered to be eligible for registration under terms of Criterion C: Design/Construction. Further research may reveal the property's importance under Criteria A, B, or D, as well.

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Date Prepared: 6/9/03

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**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
 Taneytown, MD-PA Quadrangle  
 (Dated 1971)  
 SCALE: As Shown



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WORDEN PROPERTY - MAIN HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION  
CARROLL CO., MARYLAND

PHOTO BY: C. GUNZALEZ

DATE: JUNE 2003

NEGATIVE LOG: MD SHPO

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WORDEN PROPERTY - BARN

CARROLL CO, MD

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DATE - JUNE 2003

NEGATIVE LOC: MDSHPO

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WORDEN - MAIN HOUSE, NORTH & WEST  
CARROLL CO., MD

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DATE: JUNE 2003

NEG. LOC.: MD SHPO

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WORDEN - MAIN HOUSE & COTTAGE, EAST  
CARROLL CO, MD

PHOTO BY: C. GONZALEZ

DATE: JUNE 2003

NEG. LOC.: MD SHPO

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WORDEN - MAIN

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WORDEN PROPERTY

VIEW FROM SILO TO MAIN HOUSE

CARROLL CO., MD

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WORDEN PROPERTY  
CARROLL Co., MD  
PHOTO BY: C. GONZALEZ  
DATE: JUNE 2003  
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